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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, Applicants hereby provisionally elects, with traverse for continued examination Group I, and species SEQ ID NO: 3 of claim 22.

Applicants submit that no undue burden is placed on the office in searching the other species in each group. Nonetheless, in order to fully respond, Applicants elect the species as set forth above.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any credits or deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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